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GROUP 2853  
PATENT APPLICATION

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Examiner: Blaise L. Mouttet

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For: INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF SUPPLYING INK TO SUB-TANK OF THE INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 have been examined. Claims 1, 3 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and claims 2, 4, 6 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claim 5 is allowed, and claim 11 contains allowable subject matter.